

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with the Revised Rules under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the claims as shown below and indicated as “currently amended.” Also shown below are claims that may be original, cancelled, withdrawn, previously presented, new, and not entered.

1. (original) A method for providing an electronic lottery ticket using a terminal for inquiring a credit card, a first computer system for allowing an approval for a credit purchase request using the credit card, and a second computer system for issuing an electronic lottery ticket, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting settlement request information including a settlement identifier, a credit purchase data and an electronic lottery ticket purchase data;

transmitting the settlement request information to the second computer through a communication network;

generating an electronic lottery ticket data on the basis of the electronic lottery ticket purchase data;

generating settlement approval information on the basis of the settlement request information; and

outputting the settlement approval information and the electronic lottery ticket data to the terminal.

2. (original) A method for providing an electronic lottery ticket using a terminal for inquiring a credit card, a first computer system for allowing an approval for a credit purchase request using the credit card, and a second computer system for issuing an electronic lottery ticket, the method comprising the steps

price.

8. (original) A method for providing an electronic lottery ticket according to claim 7, wherein the step of inputting the settlement request information further includes the step of inputting an electronic lottery number to the terminal.

9. (original) A method for providing an electronic lottery ticket according to claim 6, wherein the step of generating the electronic lottery ticket data includes the steps of:

generating a lottery number; and

storing the generated lottery number together with the settlement identifier.

10. (original) A compensation method by a lottery ticket using a first computer system for requesting an approval for a purchase approval request of a purchaser, and a second computer system for compensating the purchase approval request satisfying a predetermined condition with an electronic lottery ticket, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting first settlement request information having a credit purchase price to the first computer system through a communication network;

generating settlement approval information on the basis of the first settlement request information;

generating an electronic lottery ticket data on the basis of the predetermined condition; and

outputting the settlement approval information and the electronic lottery ticket data.

11. (original) A compensation method by a lottery ticket according to claim 10, wherein the

electronic lottery ticket is a conditional electronic lottery ticket, and wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

inputting second settlement request information for purchasing the conditional electronic lottery ticket to the second computer system;

activating the conditional electronic lottery ticket; and

generating and outputting settlement approval information on the basis of the second settlement request information.

12. (currently amended) A compensation method by a lottery ticket according to ~~claim~~ claim 1010 or 11, wherein the predetermined condition is a credit purchase price extracted from the first settlement request information.

13. (original) A compensation method by a lottery ticket according to claim 11, wherein the second settlement request information is a point calculated from an amount paid by credit of the purchaser.

14. (original) A compensation method by a lottery ticket according to claim 10, wherein the settlement is conducted using one selected from the group consisting of a credit card, a mileage card and a debit card.

15. (original) An apparatus for inputting a lottery number in connection to a terminal which mediates a credit purchase approval request of a purchaser using a credit card, comprising:

a keypad having a plurality of number keys ranged from 1 to 49 on an upper surface; and

a group number selection button for selecting a group number in a drawing type lottery;
a number automatic selection button for selecting the operation of the key data automatic generation unit; and
a mode selection button for selecting the operation of the mode switching unit.

19. (currently amended) An apparatus for inputting a lottery number according to ~~any of claims 15 to 18~~ claim 15, further comprising a display for displaying number information corresponding to the key data.

20. (new) A method for providing an electronic lottery ticket according to claim 1, wherein the step of inputting the settlement request information includes the steps of:

inputting the settlement identifier and the credit purchase data to the terminal; and

inputting the lottery ticket purchase data having a lottery ticket purchase price to the terminal.

21. (new) A method for providing an electronic lottery ticket according to claim 20, wherein the step of inputting the settlement request information further includes the step of inputting a lottery number to the terminal.

22. (new) A method for providing an electronic lottery ticket according to claim 1, wherein the step of generating the electronic lottery ticket data includes the steps of:

generating an electronic lottery number; and

storing the generated lottery number together with the settlement identifier.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this preliminary amendment prior to action on the merits, and requests early allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet(s) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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